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WASHINGTON.

Further Debate on the Funding Bill in the Senate.

The Tariff Bill Called up in the House.

Speech of Brooks, of New York, Against the Measure.

Bill for Leasing the Alaska Fisheries.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 3.

CONSTRUCTIVE EXAMINATION FOR CARPENTERS.

The project of making competitive examinations for carpenters, etc., in the schools at West Point and Annapolis, was presented before the House Military Committee to-day by Professor R. S. Fletcher, of New Haven. He brought out some interesting facts about the class that entered West Point in 1866, and graduated in 1867. Of 103 members originally admitted, 57 of whom fifty-three were appointed in the usual way, and forty-six were taken from the ranks of the army after an examination by or under the direction of Grant, Sherman, Meade, Hancock, and others. At the end of the first half year fifteen, and at the end of the fifty-first failed, and were dropped out. At the end of the year thirteen more failed, while of the forty-six brought in after competitive examination, not a single one failed during the whole year. Mr. Morrow called attention to the results gained in France and England by pursuing the competitive system, and declared that he supposed there could not only improve the naval and military schools, but be of advantage to ordinary appointments in the country, if the system of competitive examinations, such as prevail in foreign countries, but would have each member of Congress appoint three to the Military Academy, after examination, of those in his district who apply for appointments. Members of the committee generally approved the policy of passing the law, but thought it might be possible to put through a concurrent resolution to that effect. Mr. Morrow called attention to the fact that Reagan now submits to this part of the treasonable oath.

THE OTTER CASE.

The committee has ascertained that Edwards, of Georgia, and Hamilton, of Texas, and Cook, of Illinois, hearing that ex-Marshal Mitward, who drafted $1,000 with a man named Fitzgerald, was very sick, appeared before the committee and declared that one or two members should go and see Fitzgerald to take his own statement. Mr. Edwards, who was present, then stated that the whole thing was without the least knowledge on Cowden's part. He understood that Mr. Wilkins was invited to go over and attend to this matter.

TERMS OF GAS.

The Washington Gas Company has received sixteen to a circular sent to all parts of the country where gas companies exist, asking what they charge by lot companies, on the 1st of January, this year, is $4.26. The price here is $3.25.

Delegates from Western Boards of Trade were before the House Committee on Commerce to-day and had a hearing on the Port-of-Entry bill. The matter was postponed till next week.

A considerable delegation of tobacco men from New York, Philadelphia, Richmond and Cincinnati are here urging the repeal of the tobacco tax and the Ways and Means Committee to have exchanges made in favor of manufacturers of fine cut.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

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FORTY-FIRST CONGRESS.

Proceedings of Yesterday's Sessions.

SENATE.

The following bills were introduced, and referred:

By Mr. CHANDLER, to regulate the manufacture of matches.

By Mr. POMEROY, to amend the act to provide for the collection of duties on imports, and for other purposes.

By Mr. CONKLING, to amend the act to establish a branch of the mint of the United States in the city of New York.

By Mr. EDMUNDS, to amend the act to provide for the appointment of an additional number of surveyors, and for other purposes.

BILLS RECEIVED.

Mr. CHANDLER, from the Committee on Commerce, reported with amendment a bill to incorporate the Washington Monument Association (H. R. 1021), also, favorably the bill to provide for an additional number of surveyors of customs for the ports of New York and Philadelphia and Boston and Gloucester, New York and Massachusetts.

ADDITIONAL AMENDMENTS OF THE FUNDING BILL PROPOSED.

Mr. MORRILL, (Vt.), addressed the Senate on the importance of having any loan at less than 6 per cent. He stated that at the proposed rate it could not be negotiated either among our own people or abroad. The gold interest alone, even as far as National Banks were busily engaged in the work, might be thrown up and their bonds delivered in the market. He was opposed to the 10-40 bonds, and at a time when the credit of the United States should be supported the credit of the country should be sustained.

Mr. MORTON argued that in order to secure the right of redemption within a reasonable time, a right of redemption within a reasonable time, a right of redemption within a reasonable time, a

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THE GOLD BASIS.

The uncertainty and anxiety which the decline of gold is causing in all the operations of business shows how important it is that merchants, bankers, and business men generally should abandon the fictitious, fluctuating, and deceptive greenback standard, and as soon as possible take an inventory of their assets and obligations on a gold basis. Many, fortunately, have already done so. The confusion and doubt which overhang commercial affairs are due largely to a mental habit of regarding greenbacks as of unchangeable value and gold as fluctuating. Even after we have satisfied ourselves that, in the long run, gold is stationary and greenbacks fluctuating, yet if so many business men around us buy and sell according to the appearance and not the reality, believing the one gold rises and falls and greenbacks are stationary, this delusion on their part answers some of the purposes of a fact, and in dealing with them it is the same as if the tests were false and the false were true. Though it is true that gold is stationary, yet it is equally true that a large portion of the people cannot practically apply this fact in their business, and the shrinkage can only do so very imperfectly. We have not a man sailing in a balloon, who knows, by the rising or falling of the mercury in the thermometer, that the balloon is descending or ascending; but if he trusted to his personal consciousness and observation, he would believe the balloon was stationary and the earth underneath him was receding or approaching. Especially would the apparent motion conceal the real one if the air around, beneath, and overhead were filled with balloons, all rising or falling at nearly the same rates.

Every account, every statement of a price, every bank-bill, stock, and note, are now uncertain quantities. A difference in value between the time they are made out and the time they are paid, if it is but half a day. A pair of shoes may rise or fall in value while a lady is trying them on. The greenback dollar with which you purchase a dinner gains or loses a cent or two while you are dining. No human mind can follow such fluctuations in detail; but the shrewdest can anticipate them generally with such accuracy as to make a profit out of them. Their figures and debts are different on different kinds of property, and it is all important to understand, so far as possible, the nature of this difference, since trade and speculation now consist mainly in the cunning juggling upon and plundering of the simple, through their superiority in juggling with our irredeemable currency. The degree in which the rise and fall of gold changes the price of other commodities is somewhat as follows, beginning with those most affected:

1. Imports, or goods liable to importation.
2. Exports, or goods liable to exportation, including stocks and bonds.
3. Domestic products, in the order of their exchangeability or stableness.
4. Rents of buildings used for commercial and business purposes.
5. Rents of residence property.
6. Labor, wages, and salaries.
7. Real estate.

In proportion as the quotation price is promptly changed the change in actual values is avoided. The very object of the choice in quotation is to establish or maintain actual gold values the same. To illustrate: The importers of New York, by keeping their accounts and prices on the gold basis, change their currency prices with every variation of their goods. If a pair of French kid gloves, on the gold basis, is sixty cents, and gold is at 200, the importer sells them for $1.20 in currency, and immediately sells his currency for the gold, sixty cents. Here the apparent fluctuation is proven to be groundless, and the real change in values is less.

Past and doubt testified that their theory in trying to force up and keep up the price of gold was that it would increase our exports, and so increase the trade over the Erie Road. They based their calculation evidently on the assumption that the farmers, in selling their crops, lag a long way behind the rise and fall of gold—in other words, regard currency as a standard of value, while the New York merchants who would buy them, hid strictly on the gold basis. The effect would be that the farmers would sell their wheat at about the same price with gold at 150 as with gold at 125, while they would really be getting 20 cents less. Another result, if gold advanced 25 per cent, farmers would nevertheless sell their wheat promptly at an advance of only 10 per cent, though, in so doing, they are really selling it 10 to 12 per cent cheaper in gold than before any change whatever had occurred in either gold or wheat.

At present we see the same principle operating during a fall. Gold has declined 5 per cent within two months, while corn is as high, and wheat two cents higher, in currency, than before this decline occurred. This would add, in the one case five cents, and in the other seven, to the gold price at which the two crops could be bought in New York for export. Of course, export has stopped—partly, owing to this cause, and partly owing to a decline, in Liverpool, of ten cents per bushel on wheat during the same time, and of eight cents per barrel on corn. Here we have, therefore, our prices on articles ordinarily of export 10 to 15 per cent higher than in the markets to which they are exported. Exportation being stopped, the accumulated stock in store awaits to see whether the demand for home consumption is sufficient to call for the surplus on hand at prevailing prices, or whether it must fall. While nearly all classes tend, in a discreetly and struggling way, to follow after the gold standard, they follow so slowly and irregularly that it is, in practice, nearly as unsafe to estimate values by the gold as by the greenback standard.

There is no use shivering and quaking any longer over the decline in gold. Nobody has any interest in longer maintaining a depreciated currency except gamblers, speculators, and non-producers. The efforts of all men, in public or private life, should be directed to extinguishing the present premium of 14 per cent, in the shortest possible time. We can see but a fleeting paper currency until we have one based upon gold and at par with it. When that time comes we shall have, not only the product of our own mines available for purposes of currency, but the entire stock of the precious metals in the civilized world to draw upon. In other words, we shall then have all the money we can pay for, whereas we can now have only a certain fixed and arbitrary quantity, however great our needs and our ability may be.

The New York *Tribune*, reviewing the New York Free Trade meeting, says:

"It is no better interest in protection for a mass meeting of the 10 per cent duty now levied on imported wool, as urged at an enormous meeting in favor of free wool. The 10 per cent on pig iron is no more patently absurd."

Here it is asserted by Mr. Greeley that the repeal of the entire duty on hides is as palpably a protective policy as the continuation of the duty on pig iron. Perhaps so. But this is making it a very bad case for the duty on pig iron. To levy duty on hides is protective to the whole extent of the duty on the manufacturer in favor of which the argument is based. Now, on what principle does H. G. turn a deaf ear to the manufacturer in favor of which the argument is based?

THE COURTS.

Another Version of the Deputy County Political Trouble.

Order of Business in Superior Court—Burglars on Trial.

The Hartwell Brothers Coal Case.

Recorder's Court.

THE DEPUTY COUNTY TROUBLES.

Seth P. Dabois, for more than County Judge of Dupage County, was yesterday before the Court to plead to an indictment found against him by the last grand jury, charging him with the embezzlement of Mr. Dabois pleaded not guilty, and fixed bail for his appearance at the September term of the Court. The case presents two important points of law—first, whether the appointment of two attorneys, one from a political controversy, and a question of law as to whether those appointments by a county board of commissioners. Judge Wallace was a candidate for re-election to the office he then held, that of County Judge. The contest was a close one, and Mr. Dabois, during the recount of the whole county by the Board of Canvassers, appointed Mr. Hayes to act as clerk of the Board of Canvassers, and Mr. Hayes accepted the appointment. Mr. Dabois claims that he was not authorized to do so, and that the appointment was void. Mr. Hayes claims that he was duly appointed, and that he acted in good faith. Mr. Dabois claims that he was not authorized to do so, and that the appointment was void. Mr. Hayes claims that he was duly appointed, and that he acted in good faith. Mr. Dabois claims that he was not authorized to do so, and that the appointment was void. Mr. Hayes claims that he was duly appointed, and that he acted in good faith.

Mr. Sergeant Ballantine. At the time you received the letter from Lady Mordaunt, had the Prince of Wales ceased at your house? Before you left Tranby Croft, had the Prince of Wales ceased at your house? Before you left Tranby Croft, had the Prince of Wales ceased at your house? Before you left Tranby Croft

THE WEST PARKS.

First Annual Meeting of the Commissioners Last Evening.

Yearly Reports of the President, Treasurer and Secretary.

Review of the Past and Predictions of the Future—The Park Fund.

Interesting Facts and Figures.

The first annual meeting of the West Division Park Commissioners was held last evening at Mr. Peter Voorhees's office in the Tribune Block, Mr. Hard in the chair. All the Commissioners were in attendance. The Secretary, Mr. Loring, read the minutes of the last meeting, which were approved.

A MAYOR'S APPROVAL.

Commissioner Hall offered the following:

Resolved, That the subject of streets and alleys west of Western avenue be referred to the Committee on Roads, with full power to act in connect with the Superintendent of Public Works.

The resolution was adopted.

The President then read his annual report, as follows:

GENTLEMEN: The act of the Legislature creating the Commissioners of the West Chicago Park District was approved by the Governor on the 16th day of April, 1869, exactly two months after the approval of the act creating the South Park Board, since which time the two have been constantly progressing pari passu, for the same general purpose of the law.

The duty devolved by selecting and securing the lands necessary for the parks and public boulevards, and in the opinion of your President and Board, was greater than was at first anticipated; the early advantageous improvement of the lands acquired and the demands and necessities of the public will be best subserved.

By a resolution of the board, adopted June 10, 1869, the present Board was divided into three classes, having regard to the time for which they were severally to serve, so that the terms of one-third of the members should expire on the first Monday in March of each year, and in the manner of succession, and still be within such distance of the time for the annual election of members of the board as to render responsible to politicians and outsiders.

Under the law the board was required to cause and to maintain a boulevard running from the North Side Park to the South Side Park, and also to cause a park north of Fullerton avenue, running thence west, and then south, with such avenues and boulevards connecting the same with the said general system as expedient, to the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad track; and as the time for the final harmony in so extensive a system of parks and boulevards as contemplated by the act, and the board, would be very far off, it was thought best to locate the first park in the West Division on the most central and available ground for the greatest number of people to reach it, and to be within such distance of the South Park as to be easily accessible to the visitor. With this object in the discretion of the board in view, the commissioners, soon after their appointment, selected the tract, now the Parade-ground, as the most central and available ground for the purpose, and the title to the same was secured to the board by the Legislature, by the act approved March 5, 1869, which act vested in the Commissioners of the West Chicago Park District, "all the right, title and interest of the People of the State of Illinois in and to all that piece or parcel of land known as the Parade-ground, bounded on the north by Fullerton avenue, on the east by Halsted street, on the south by Lincoln avenue, and on the west by Southport avenue, and